

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
February 20, 2007

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., February 20, 2007 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

City Administrator, Richard Downey, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom. Alderman Thurm was absent.

Mr. Orrie Peterson of 1027 Shore Acres Rd., Rock Falls addressed the Council in regards to the Snow and Ice Act passed sometime in the 1970's by the Federal Government. He told the Council that the Act states, all government facilities should have sidewalks clear and free of snow within 24 hours following a snowfall event to insure the safe passage of individuals utilizing the walkways. Following a short discussion, the Council took no action.

Mr. Wiersema of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Council about several upcoming events of interest. On Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a local meeting for the planning of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hennepin Canal Waterway; and Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date for this year's City Wide Garage Sale. More information will follow on these events.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve Ordinance 2007-2221; Section 3-1(a). Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to table Ordinance 2007-2220; Section 15-29 (h). Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of February 6, 2007 Council Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as presented
3. Approval of Proclamation: National Patriotism Week, February 19-25, 2007
4. Approval of Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation (BLR 5310) W. 19<sup>th</sup> Street Project
5. Approval of Amendment #1; Intergovernmental Agreement for Local Agency Maintenance of Traffic Control Devices.

Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried 7-0.

City Administrator Downey reported to the Council on locating a new supplier for our garbage bags. The current company Flexsol Packaging provides large bags at a price of \$22.02 per case and Phoenix Recycling quotes a price of \$18.98 per case. On a standard order, the savings is \$1,520.00. Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve purchase of bags through Phoenix Recycling for the per case rate quoted. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried,7-0.

Mr. Searing, Building inspector informed the City that he has 100 free radon testing kits available. Any citizens wanting to get one should contact the Building Department.

Mr. Cox briefed the Council on problems at the old Dog Pound, which houses one of our lift stations. Emergency Repairs are required to valves and by-pass lines. Repairs are being estimated in the range of \$20,000. Motion was made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to authorize the emergency repairs, not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Mr. Padilla, Water Supt. reported to the Council that he has received the first shipment of the new radiometers. Installation of the meters will begin in March; it is projected, that it will take approximately (3) three years to complete the project.

Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Supt. informed the Council on the upcoming APPA Conference scheduled for June 23-27, 2007 in San Antonio, Texas. Anyone wishing to attend should make reservations via electric department no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**City Attorney Reese spoke to the Council about the \$980,000.00 Taxable Debit Certificate quote received from Sauk Valley Bank and Trust Company, Sterling, Illinois. The certificate shall bear interest at a rate of 7.79% per annum and shall be dated March 1, 2007, payable in quarterly installments of both principal and interest beginning on June 1, 2007 with final payment due and payable March 1, 2012. Motion made by Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Arduini to accept Sauk Valley Bank and Trust Company, Sterling, Illinois proposal for paying a part of the cost of purchasing land in and for the City. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried, 7-0.**

**Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Folsom to engage the firm of Chapman and Cutler, LLP as bond counsel for the \$980,000.00 Taxable Debt Certificate, Series 2007. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried, 7-0.**

**Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve Ordinance 2007-2223 authorizing and providing for an Installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying a part of the cost of purchasing land in and for the City, and authorizing and providing for the issue of \$980,000.00 Taxable Debt Certificate, Series 2007. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried, 7-0.**

The Council as a whole wanted to publicly thank the employees of the City for the prompt and professional job in getting the streets plowed and opened up for the public following the last snow.

Alderman Kuhlemier reported on the passing of Nancy McKee, wife of the late James McKee a long time member of the Rock Falls Police Department. The condolences of the City go out to the Children and family members.

Mayor Blanton reminded the Alderman, as well as, the Department Heads of the upcoming Retreat scheduled for Saturday, February 24, 2007. He also presented an overview of the recent Governors Conference on tourism that he attended with the Tourism and Conference Committee.

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Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to enter into executive session for Collective Bargaining-Section 2(c)(2) and Purchase or Lease of Real Estate- Section 2 (c)(6). Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried, 7-0. Time: (7:35 pm)

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried, 7-0. Time: (7:55 pm)

Motion made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to adjourn. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Motion carried, 7-0. Time: (7:58 pm)

For approval at March 6, 2007 Council Meeting